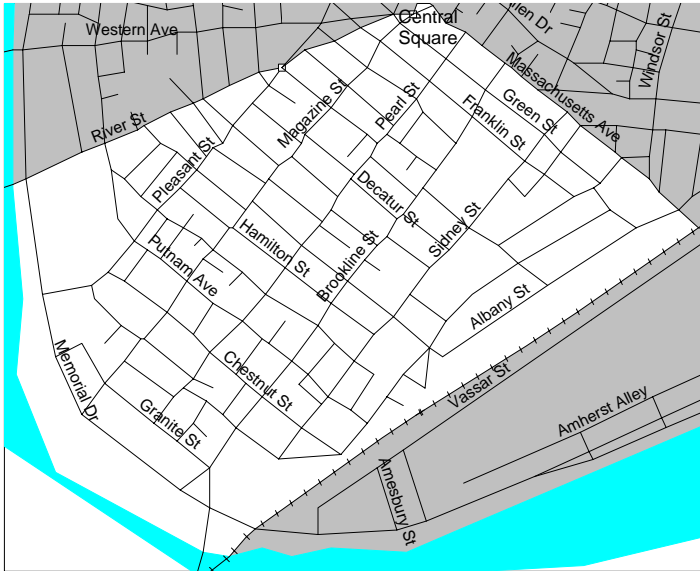
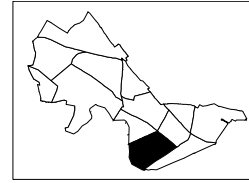


# NEIGHBORHOOD 5

## CAMBRIDGEPORT



**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by Massachusetts Avenue, the B&A railroad, the Charles River, and River Street

**POPULATION:** 10,052 residents  
4,203 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$28,466

Neighborhood #5 is encompassed by the patrol boundaries of Car 3 (2 officers) and Car 5R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 5A, 5B, and Central 12.

### COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, JAN-JUNE 00 - 04

CRIME	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Housebreaks	23	20	38	19	27
Street Robbery	10	11	7	19	15
Auto Theft	32	35	34	33	33
Larceny from MVs	47	48	29	45	51
Malicious Destruction	59	58	59	86	59
Drug Incidents	16	5	8	7	9

#### 2004 FIRST HALF IN REVIEW

- The number of **malicious destruction** incidents in Cambridgeport decreased dramatically compared to this time frame in 2003. The majority (76%) of the incidents involved the smashing of car windows or other types of car damage, including keying, broken locks, or slashed tires.
- Chestnut, Green, Hamilton and Pleasant Streets were locations of multiple incidents of **larcenies from motor vehicles** in the first half of the year. A broken window was used to gain access in 37% of these incidents.
- Cambridgeport experienced a **street robbery** pattern that spanned approximately 4 weeks between March and April. There were 5 incidents (and an additional one in Riverside) which occurred within blocks of each other. Women walking alone were the most common targets in these incidents. Half of the street robberies occurred between 7-9:00 pm; guns were threatened or implied in four incidents. This pattern dissipated with the arrest of a key individual who may have been involved in a number of the incidents.
- Putnam Ave and Memorial Drive saw multiple **housebreaks**, although no clear patterns developed.
- Three of the **drug incidents** were for cocaine possession, three for marijuana possession, and the remainder of arrests were for illegal possession of prescription drugs.

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR CAMBRIDGEPORT AREA TARGET CRIMES					
<i>Crime</i>	<i>1981-1990</i>	<i>Rank '81-'90*</i>	<i>1991-2002</i>	<i>Rank '91-'02*</i>	<i>Rank 2003*</i>
Housebreaks	156	2	66	2	4
Street Robbery	57	2	31	2	1
Auto Theft	165	1	82	1	1
Larceny from MVs	126	4	93	3	3
Malicious Destruction	106	6	114	2	1

\*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest.

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Cambridgeport has the fifth highest residential population of the city's neighborhoods. It is characterized by several large apartment buildings as well as many one, two, and three family houses. The neighborhood is bordered by a string of retail stores, hotels, and restaurants on Memorial Drive, River Street, and Massachusetts Avenue.

- **Street robberies** have long been the most serious crime problem in Cambridgeport. As with Area 4, Cambridgeport's street robberies tend to concentrate near Massachusetts Avenue and Central Square. They are often predatory, and are usually committed after 9:00 at night on weekends.
- **Housebreaks**, usually higher than average in Cambridgeport, have declined significantly since the 1980s. The average number of housebreaks since 1991 is half of the 1980s average. They have declined another 30% since 1991. Cambridgeport's housebreak rate can be attributed to its large, densely packed residential population.
- Cambridgeport has continually experienced the highest rate of **auto theft** since the 1980s. The 1999 Camry Auto Theft pattern helped to displace Cambridgeport's number one ranking by setting East Cambridge and Area 4 as the top two.
- **Larceny from motor vehicles** usually registers high in Cambridgeport.
- The homeless shelter on Albany Street is often a scene for **street robbery** and **aggravated assault** between its residents.

